

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Tennessee Division of Water Resources
NOPH15.008

The division will hold a public hearing to seek comment concerning an application for a state water quality permit. The hearing is in regard to the proposal by the City of Cookeville for the proposed Bennett Road extension.

The proposed project will consist of the extension of Bennett Road from the Minelick Creek interchange on I-40 and continues 2.71 miles to SR24/Hwy 70N. The typical section consists of 2-12- ft lanes and 10-foot open shoulders with slopes of 4:1 with 3:1 slopes in environmentally sensitive areas. TDOT requires the City to purchase a 160-ft right-of-way for the future addition of 2 lanes. Buffalo Valley Road and SR 24/HWY 70N will be widened to 3-lane sections.

The proposed project will impact 1.60 acres of wetlands and 1024 linear feet of streams. Several unnamed tributaries to Cane Creek and West Blackburn Fork have been identified in the proposed project area. Impacts vary from no impacts to encapsulation to relocation to encapsulation and relocation. Approximately 1376 linear feet will be relocated.

Date: Thursday, July 30, 2015

Time: 6:00 p. m. central time

Location: Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Cookeville Environmental Field Office
1221 South Willow Avenue
Cookeville, TN 38506

Applicant: City of Cookeville

The public notice of this project, file number NRS15.063, published June 12, 2015, can be found on the Internet at <http://www.state.tn.us/environment/wpc/ppo/arap>.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the application proposal are invited to deliver oral or written comment at the public hearing. The hearing officer will limit all testimony to relevant water quality issues and may limit testimony in the interest of time. However, all persons desiring to speak will be given an opportunity to do so. Written testimony will be accepted for 10 days following the hearing and will be considered part of the official record. The public is also invited to submit comments in writing to the division at the address printed below. The comments must be received by Monday, August 3, 2015. After considering all public comments, the division will publish a final permit decision and a notice of the division's determinations.

Interested persons may obtain additional information or inspect and copy the application and related documents during business hours at the division's office in Nashville (615-532-0645) at the address listed below or at the Cookeville Field Office (931) 432-4015.

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation is committed to principles of equal opportunity, equal access and affirmative action. Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings (or to review these filings) should contact the Tennessee

Department of Environment and Conservation to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation. Contact for services should be made no less than ten days in advance to allow time to provide such aid or services. Contact the ADA Coordinator at 1-866-253-5827 for further information. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298). .

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